

Ireane: And there were alright so my name is Irene all in the person that I am interviewing today is Britney in the date of today is May 26th 2022 alright first question have you experienced any discrimination or racism in school at work or in the community of some of some such if So what happened

Brittney: I experienced racism when I was in high school so about years ago I experience racism yes I was in class and I had to leave going to I was leaving I was called to the office when I went to the office I left everything at my desk with my backpack my books textbooks for my classrooms and there were a group of children that sat in front of me and they corn orange juice and they killed two dead flies and put them in my textbook um that for me was my first experience with racism so shortly after that happened I left the classroom after I come back and you know went through my textbook seeing what happened I went back to the office to let the principal know what happened I just left class I was so upset because they had ruined my textbook like I said so I went to the office let that inform my counselor in the principal and then I called my mom my mom came up to the school she it was all bad when she came up she ended up threatening the school with getting an attorney 'cause they kind of blew everything off as if it wasn't a big deal and it was a big deal someone else in that same classroom experience something very similar to what I just went through but it wasn't a person of color was actually a Caucasian kid and she got a completely different response from counselor and the fencible and the teacher they actually put these children in like in school suspension for doing what they did to her but for what they did to me there were no they weren't reprimanded or there was no type of disciplinary action so after my mom made such a big fuss then of course I received apologies and you know there was def different things that came into place prior to my mom seeing a big fuss about it they weren't going to do anything to those three boys so to me that is I feel like it was a form of racism because again I'm African American this other student these other three students that did this to me were all three white kids and the girl that had done something to prior to me she was a white girl like I said they handled the situation totally different so and to me that was a form of racism I was at a predominantly white school and there was probably Max 4 black students including myself two Latino and two black so there wasn't a lot of color there that was my first experience of experiencing racism hurt or someone being prejudice towards me and it was not it was a fact that I wouldn't wanna ever experience again but hey live in America

Ireane: how did you feel after that experience ?

Brittney: uhm my feelings were hurt it didn't make me feel good at all I didn't like it was that a blessing mileson it was a lesson for me in this aspect of just being aware of my surroundings and don't play racism or the fact that like I said I was at a predominantly white school so there weren't many black children there or any color at all So what they probably figured they could do to me and get away with it it definitely just raises awareness and more than anything I just became aware and no I know you know racism is real and it's not OK it didn't make me feel good at all

Ireane: have you ever felt like you had some sort of privilege ever?

Brittney: privilege no why why mommy 'cause I just never have can you look privilege in in what I ask like privilege just with anything in life like she had that proved you know they gave oh I mean in the end of course like I said after my mom came up raised all types of sand about it I definitely felt like I had the upper hand in this like my mom definitely raise some hell raise sand about it so it's like she put fire underneath everyone butts and threaten them with us getting an attorney and you know I feel like in

the end everything worked out in my favor but it shouldn't have taken for that to happen for them to want to do the right thing spectr answer your question yes and no I guess like the certain

Ireane: like you know how like I don't like uh you know white people have a certain privilege than black people do

Brittney: right and so like I just I didn't feel like I really there was any privilege buying any of it I just feel like more so with the fact that my mom had to raise she had to like fire underneath her plants to make them do the right thing or to get the right reaction out of them but no I don't feel like I was privileged at all mummy

Ireane: how do you in your own words define ethnicity?

Brittney: how is my phone words do I define ethnicity good question as well what do you think ethnicity is compared to racism like what are the differences like what are you thinking you said the difference between ethnicity and racism yes there is a difference between both of them well after myciti is belonging to a social group that has common national or cultural traditions racism is completely different like you said that could be a group of people as well with the same beliefs but I feel like the things that are what they're going about and how they're going about whatever it is that they believe in is wrong and um yeah it's a major difference two totally different topics um so people ask question

Ireane: what was your childhood like how did your childhood uh differ from what you see children living today ?

Brittney: my childhood was add new amazing childhood everything was one big Disney on ice it was a movie I mean um I was the youngest of five children so who is the baby my siblings were a lot older than me so everyone came to me and uh my mother was school teacher she worked for the school district for probably about 20 years up until she got really sick so my childhood was exciting like every year we went to Disneyland for like the first ten years of my life I come from two parent household so my parents were together like I said I have four siblings and then there's myself so I was catered to and I was pretty much just but maybe the baby the baby you know I never got spankings my mom never send me my dad never spanked me and not that that was a good thing at all because I do feel like as a mother now I'm 36 years old and I do believe in disciplinary action and chastising a child not whipping them or beating them but I definitely feel like every child I don't care what race color creed you are whatever your background is I feel like every child should be there should be a some type of form of discipline and you need to chest ties your children I'm not a religious freak or like by the book type of person but I do I have read in the Bible that you know we are supposed to trust our children and discipline them like I said in it doesn't have to be about spanking them there should be disciplinary action when a child is acting out of when they're not doing the right thing or they're acting out I feel like they do need to be disciplined when they're not doing what they're supposed to be doing or they're not obeying their parents I feel like today's parents like all the times that we're living in compared to when I was a child 30 years ago a whole lot has changed I don't feel like there's a lot of respect for adults or for even like teachers and people of authority principles like just like say you gotta school in your school day children are disrespecting the teachers and the this. Or you know and I don't feel like that's OK I feel like every parent should instill integrity and integrity in their child you know whether they're here at school church at friends house every child should be aware and be able to define integrity and have dignity and

respect for themselves and their parents because every child is a reflection of their parent so today's youth in the times that we're living in this generation... Continued...

Brittney: ...today's youth I feel like they're out of control and there needs to be boundaries set in place for children someone once told me I heard from I can't remember where it came from but a lady was explaining to me that just we were talking about just life in general and people that are quiet they don't get results people that are loud and that or they set the tone it's very important that we as adults from his parents as teachers as instructors we set the tone for children because it doesn't matter how old the child is I think that five to 10 or like the most probably not even five to 10 like one to seven is like the most pivotal age and it's a very important time for a child because they internalize everything that they hear that they see and they mimic you know and then they take it all in their minds are like little sponges so it's just important that we instill all the right things into our children because at the end of the day if they're seeing us put trash or garbage out there in the atmosphere or in the universe they're going to do we're doing they're going to try to you're gonna try to mimic and basically pick up where we leave off with the garbage that were feeding him or whatever it is that we're instilling them I just think that it's really important for parents to play their position and their role in a Childs life because if they don't your child is gonna raise themselves and they're not gonna know anything they're going to be last and we're already in a society and a place where hell kids these kids don't care about one another children are killing each other like bullying and fighting just I could go on all day long about this but I really think that it's important that we instill all the right things into our children because I think that a lot of children think that the disrespect behavior and how they carry themselves it's cute and it's accepting and it's OK and it's really not but a lot of it has to do with television I feel like TV pushes so much on today's generation the television you know from I hate to throw it out there but from the whole LGBT thing to the transgender to the um you know just everything that we're bringing forth into the table on a television it's like we're slapping it on the wrist or we're saying that it's OK and we're feeding it to our kids like we're pushing it on them to where they think that life were basically normalizing dysfunction and I think that we as parents our job is to of course protect and I feel like really for real putting all and stealing all the right things into your children it's important that we teach our children right from wrong is important though we teach our children about integrity because without integrity and respect you have nothing um the times were just different back to what your initial question was in regards to how is today how is this generation different from mine respect played a major factor in my upbringing just with adults in general I've seen it I've heard and I've witnessed children disrespecting their parents cussing up their parents even disrespecting elders in general and I really for real Phil hi I'm a different breed I come from something that probably ain't around no more if a child disrespects me in my face or talks crazy to me I'm not able to put my hands on somebody's child I will not let anybody disrespect me especially not a child so I feel like if that's how it was back when I was a child if you get sassy with susie's mom suzy's mom just might put her hands on you and spank you and I believe I still believe that that should be the way of the world today but of course it's not if you even yell at a kid too loud people are threatening to call CPS and they're going overboard I think that children have way too many rights when it comes to how they operate and how they deal with adults and I feel like we as the adults and as overseers and as the superior we need to stand in our truth and stand for what's right and we need to I basically take back the baton and these children are children they don't know right from wrong there there's a reason why a child is a child in an adult is an adult we're here to guide them in direct them they're not here of course we learn from children we learn something new every day as an adult but we're here to help the child have a gate in this world this is foreign to you guys

so we're supposed to be the leaders you guys are supposed to follow our lead and we're supposed to teach you of course all the right things but there's a lot of children that are coming in up in households where they're in bad environments and they're being abused sexually mentally emotionally they're being abused physically so not everybody has had the same upbringing as I've had not everybody has the same upbringing as you've had Irene everybody's life is different but I just wish that we can go back to the old days so that we can get a little structure and a little discipline times are definitely have definitely changed in I feel I hate today's the the parents the I mean when I say parents there's girls younger than me with children and I feel like they're kind of all over the place everybody is kind of scattered brain I don't feel like there are a lot of people stand for anything or that they that they're trying to teach their children the right way because they're so caught up in their own world it's just like get out of my face Susie and go play with your friends while I go do what I'm gonna do no we have to pour into our children or else our children are going to I mean the children are the future so if you don't teach our children anything we're gonna be living in our the the future is gonna be in shambles if we don't pull it together now and and get it get it back in order but it starts with us we're supposed to be leading the way and if we're not doing our job we're not doing we're supposed to be doing we're not doing the right thing so we need to get back on our horse and ride the horse in like if I

Ireane: I just wanna say thank you Brittany for doing this interview for being my interview we alright